

REMARKS

In light of the above amendments and remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 10 are pending in this application.

Claim 1, 3 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawano et al. (U.S. Patent 6,697,836).

The present claims now recite "means for detecting an extraction of the removable memory from the terminal device based upon changes to an interface signal level from a logical high level to a logical low level; and means for transmitting an erasure request to the network server based on the detected extraction of the removable memory." (Claim 1 and 10) Detecting the change to the interface signal level is disclosed on page 18 of the specification. The erasure request is also disclosed on page 18 and is shown in Figure 11. The claims also now recite "means for notifying the authenticated user of the arrival of message information for the user when the removable memory is inserted into the terminal device." This notification is disclosed starting on line 11 of page 15 in the specification. Applicants respectfully assert that Kawano does not disclose detecting an extraction based upon an interface signal level, transmitting an erasure request, and notifying the user of messages when the removable memory is inserted.

Accordingly, for at least these three reasons, Kawano fails to meet all of the recited limitations of the present invention, and the rejected claims should now be allowed.

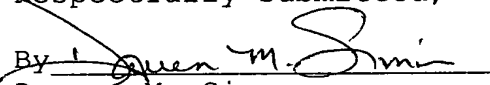
As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

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